

House Resolution No. 627

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those young men who have wholeheartedly engaged themselves in the character- and citizenship-building activities available through Scouting programs and have attained the highest achievement award granted to Cub Scouts; and

Whereas, Thomas M. McElmurry of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction thus far in life as a member of Pack 16, Den 4; and

Whereas, on Sunday, February 22, 2004, Thomas will receive the Arrow of Light award during ceremonies which will also mark his bridging into the Boy Scouts of America program; and

Whereas, the son of Herman and Regina McElmurry, Thomas has been involved in Scouting for Food, Greater Dimension Church Youth Choir, and the "A" Honor Roll; and

Whereas, a rectangular patch with a sun rising above an arrow, the Arrow of Light award is the only Cub Scout badge which can be worn on a Boy Scout uniform; and

Whereas, to earn his Arrow of Light, Thomas had to repeat verbatim and explain in his own words the Scout Oath or Promise and the twelve points of the Scout Law; correctly give and explain the Scout motto, slogan, sign, salute, and handclasp; describe the significance of the Scout badge and its parts; tell how a Boy Scout uniform differs from a Webelos Scout uniform; tie a square knot which is also known as the joining knot; earn five more activity badges in addition to the three needed for Webelos, to include Fitness, Citizen, Readyman, and at least one each from the Outdoor, Mental Skills, and Technology Groups; visit a minimum of one Boy Scout troop meeting and one Boy Scout-oriented outdoor activity; participate in a Webelos overnight campout or day hike; and visit with a prospective Boy Scout Troop and its Scoutmaster:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Thomas McElmurry and to convey to him this legislative body's sincerest congratulations upon earning the Arrow of Light award which serves as the capstone of his Cub Scout experiences; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Thomas McElmurry of Pack 16.

Offered by _____
Representative Jason G. Crowell
Majority Floor Leader
District No. 158

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 627, adopted February 17, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker